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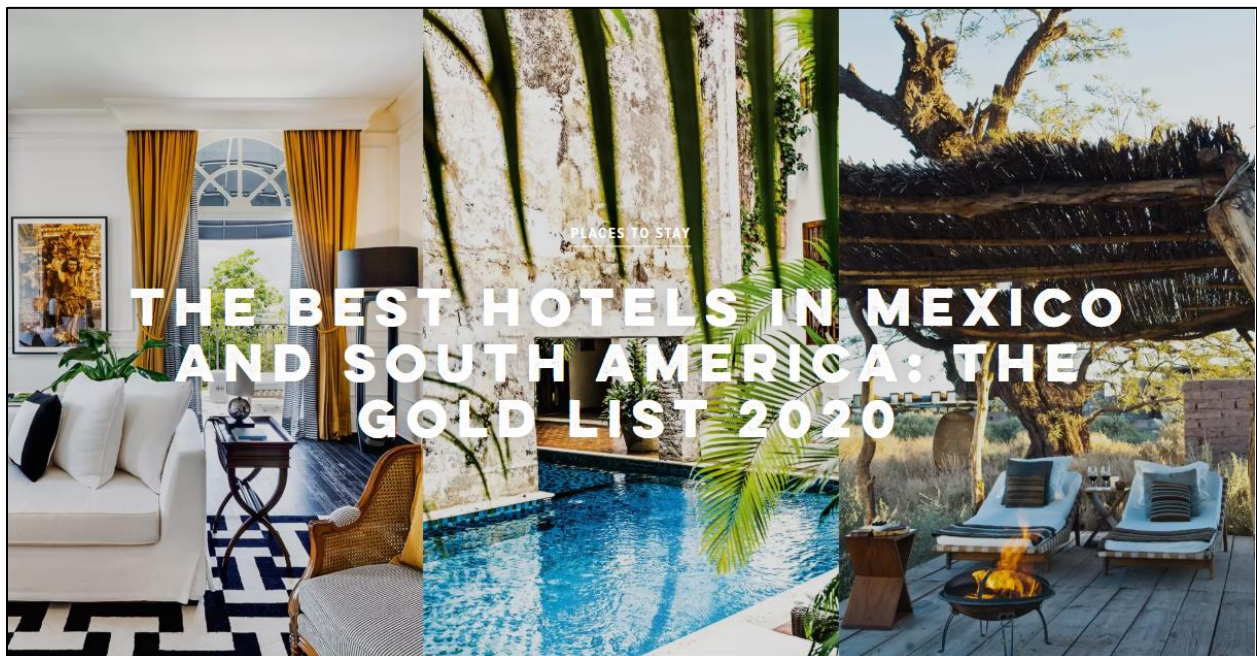
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Our all-time favourite hotels in Mexico and South America, as picked by the Editors of *Condé Nast Traveller*

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THE BEST HOTEL IN COLOMBIA

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CASA SAN AGUSTIN, CARTAGENA

Sometimes a hotel telegraphs such a romantic version of a place that it becomes a stand-in for an entire destination. This dreamy retreat in [Cartagena's Old Town](#) has become that synecdoche for the city. With its crumbling 17th-century whitewashed walls covered in climbing vines, soaring wood-beamed ceilings, original frescoes and a terracotta-tiled courtyard shaded by a profusion of palms, it feels like a scene plucked from the pages of Marquez – equal parts sultry and monastic, Caribbean and colonial. Guests may half expect a horse and carriage (or a spectre of one) to roll on through, just as it would have done when this place was a trio of colonial villas on a quiet cobbled alley. The showpiece is the L-shaped pool, which flows under a hole cut into the wall of an aqueduct from the time of the conquistadors. Supper should be lobster tail and ceviche at the hotel's Alma restaurant. Of the few diners with a room upstairs, the luckiest will be those in 102, the only one with a private plunge pool. *By Erin Florio*

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